

ANTONY MUGANE KAMAU FORMER STUDENT OF ST. JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL



My name is Antony Mugane Kamau. I'm 19 years old. I'm a former student of St. James Primary School. Currently I am waiting to join the technical University of Kenya on the 25th of August 2017 to pursue my degree in Technology in applied Biology. I'm a pioneer student of St. James Primary when it was opened in 2003 by our late Sr. Luise (R.I.P).

I joined the School when I was very young in the Kindergarten and couldn't do a single thing on my own. The first days in School I remember, I cried a lot but the welcome I got from the teachers helped me to settle and love going to School. The teachers helped me to know how to blow my nose, to use the latrines and how to use the broom for sweeping. By the time I was going to class one, I was already brave because I could do many things by myself and had passed very well to graduate from Nursery to Primary School.

When in Nursery School, Sr. Luise started building the now Primary School. In 2005 I still was in the pioneer group that opened the Primary section of St. James in 2005 by then the School was not yet completed. I remember when we entered our Classroom; it was still wet as they had just finished the floor and painting.

Life in the Primary School changed as it had become a little harder for me especially where time was concerned. I needed to be in School before 07am and so I was almost late every day and each time I was late, I got a punishment. I learnt to wake up very early and by and by got used to it. Juja Farm can be very cold in July and August but I braved it all. Thank God the training I got of waking up early when going to St. James helped me to have a positive mind in High School where time was concerned. I did everything in time.

In 2010 while in class six at St. James Primary School, the worst thing happened in my life. My mother died. I lost the love I had for Education since I saw that the world had turned against me. Fortunately, I was counseled by my teachers and I had the courage to go on. My fellow pupils were also very good to me and helped me out. The School also supported me financially to ensure that I did not discontinue with my Education.

While at St. James, I participated in the Music festivals and at one time I reached the Provincial level in reciting a Poem. This helped me in overcoming the stage fright. St. James gave my life a strong foundation. In 2012, I sat for my Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and scored 356 marks. I was admitted to Chania High School a county School located in Thika.

Everything I did in High School had a St. James background. From form one to form three, I was the School bell ringer. This had in it the time management I attained from St. James Primary as there too I was the bell ringer. I also became the Young Catholic Association Chairperson in form four. I could address people with no fear since stage fright was eradicated at St. James. I used to read during Mass at St. James and learnt good Christian values

I sat for my Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) in 2016 and scored a (B with 66 points) I am happy to say that I have already received the admission letter to join the University this August 2017. I want to say a big **THANK YOU** to all who have helped St. James Primary School to be what it is today. The School has grown so much and the performance is just great in this part of the country. I will always remember St. James Primary for helping me to realize my future. God bless the Dominican Sisters and all the people who help them in their work.

With thanks

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Former Student



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